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THE MATTER OF:

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding official action dated March 27, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests an extension of time for responding to the official action until August 27, 2002. All necessary fees in connection with this matter should be deducted from applicant's (International Business Machines Corp.) Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached Abstract for the Abstract on file.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please substitute amended claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 for claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 of record. A copy of claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 as amended and a copy of claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 showing the amendments is attached hereto.